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" (*c*) No artesian well sunk at Government cost is used by Harijan agriculturists in Cuddalore taluk while 22 artesian wells are used by Harijan agriculturists in Vriddhachalam taluk of which three were sunk during 1952–53."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, what is the cost of construction of an artesian well? May I also know why Government are not extending agricultural facilities to the Harijans? What is the amount allotted for Cuddalore and Vriddhachalam for sinking artesian wells and how much has been spent during the year 1952–53? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " I want notice for that question, Sir."

Temporary promotion of certain lower division clerks in Pudukkottai.

* 15 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether as a result of the application of G.O. Ms. No. 2332, dated 1st October 1952, in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district, on 15th January 1953, a few lower division clerks had been given temporary promotion as upper division clerks under clause (3) of the said G.O. No. 2332, dated 1st October 1952;

(*b*) if so, how many;

(*c*) on what date and under what proceedings the promotions were made; and

(*d*) whether, and if so, why and when the orders of promotion under (*c*) were cancelled?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) A statement [a] is laid on the table."

Dismissal of certain municipal workers in Fort Cochin Municipality.

* 16 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Commissioner of Fort Cochin Municipality got the sanction of the Government before the dismissal of 139 municipal workers on 30th May 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Municipal Commissioner did not apply for the sanction of the Government before he dismissed the workers; but no such sanction is necessary."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" 139 മുനിസിപ്പാൽ തൊഴിലാളികളെ ഒരുമിച്ച ഡിസ്മിസ്സ് ചെയ്തു എന്നതു് മദിരാശി സംസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ഇതേവരെ നടക്കാത്ത ഒരു കാര്യമാണു്. ഈ 139 തൊഴിലാളികളെ തിരിച്ചെടുക്കുന്നതിനെപ്പററി ഗവൺമെണ്ടു വല്ല ഓഡറും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്ന എനിക്കു അറിയേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു പിൻവലിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ? പിൻവലിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു കാരണത്താലാണു് പിൻവലിച്ചതു് എന്ന. എനിക്കു അറിയേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ടു്. "

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 46–48 infra.